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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with Former DCI McCone

1. I met with Mr. McCone this afternoon in his hotel room at the Dolley Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. Present was Mr. Walter Elder, Mr. McCone's Executive Assistant during his service as DCI.

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2. I showed Mr. McCone a declassified copy of the transcript of his deposition taken by HSCA personnel, referring to one [redacted] (copy attached). I told Mr. McCone that an extensive search of Agency records showed no person by that name in Agency records. As a result, I wished to have him look at photographs of Agency employees during the 1960s with that surname. Mr. McCone declined, saying that he had lunched at the Metropolitan Club that very day and had not recognized old friends from that period. He felt that photographs would not help.

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3. Mr. McCone said that the name was given him at the end of his deposition, which had taken some five hours. It came along with another dozen or so names. He had recognized the names of [redacted] but not many of the others. The name [redacted] "rang a bell" but he really could not say how. He suggested that it may have been a football player.

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4. Mr. McCone said that he must have been in error. He asked if he should write the HSCA so stating. I said he could do as he wished, but it should suffice for me to simply report my meeting with him. He said I could say that he had been in error. He said that my letter should state that I had met with him, in the company of his "Executive Officer" who had access to all his records of meetings with people, and that he had stated that he had been in error in stating to the HSCA representative that he had known a CIA employee named [redacted] I said I

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would show my letter to Mr. Elder to be sure it was accurate.

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5. I told Mr. McCone that an Agency employee had also reacted similarly to a question about a [REDACTED] He asked who it was. I replied that it was a junior officer in WH Division named [REDACTED] He made no comment.

6. There was talk about other aspects of the assassination issue, which are not relevant to this specific question.

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[REDACTED]

S. D. Breckinridge

Attachment

Distribution:

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Q Do you know or did you know

A Yes.

Q Was he an agency employee?

A I believe so.

Q Do you know what his duties were in 1963?

A No.

Q Do you know whether any of these people worked at headquarters in 1963 or worked in the field in 1963?

A Well, they move back and forth and it is pretty hard to tell just where they were in 1963, but the records will show and you can get it from the Office of the present Director.

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He will have records where they were, or the personnel department.

Q Do you know what positions were held by these people?

A No.

Q What positions they held--let me rephrase that questions. Do you know the highest position that each of these individuals held in the CIA?

A No, I do not.

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Q For instance, do you know whether [redacted] worked in the Western Hemisphere Division or whether he worked in some other division of the CIA?

A I do not know. I do not recall. I knew at that time but I do not recall.

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Q Do you know whether [redacted] used any pseudonyms.

A No, I would not know that.

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Q Do you know whether the name, [redacted] was in fact a pseudonym?

A No, I do not know that.

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